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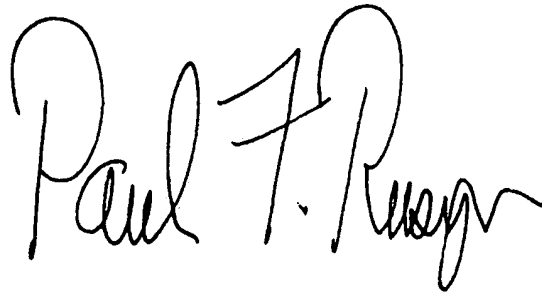
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If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding the above statements he is respectfully requested to contact the Applicant's attorney, Paul F. Rusyn, at (425) 455-5575.

Respectfully submitted,

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